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OPENING OF THE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.

Until quite recently a large class of diseases incident to women have been deemed incurable; but the discovery of Dr. MARION SIMS of Alabama have rendered their treatment and cure comparatively easy and successful. On his removal to New-York for his health he narrated the mode by which he had accomplished many remarkable cures of the distressing and heretofore incurable malady, and he was at once hailed by the Medical Faculty as the discoverer of a great principle. Through the support of the leading physicians and surgeons of this City and the indefatigable endeavors of a number of humane ladies a Women's Hospital capable of accommodating 100 patients has been established here for the reception of patients afflicted with the class of diseases to which we have alluded, and although open but two or three weeks, already more than one wife and mother who on the first of May had no other prospect before her than a life of misery and pain to which death would be an all-welcome relief has been received into this Institution, treated, cured, and at least one already discharged in the enjoyment of sound health—a blessing to herself, and a joy inestimable to those whose happiness was bound up in her well-being.

On Saturday last this Hospital was formally opened with appropriate religious and secular exercises, in the presence of a select audience of ladies and gentlemen. Among the latter we observed the Dr. John W. Francis, Dr. Dixon, the Rev. Dr. Horace Webster, the Rev. Dr. Knox, Dr. Nichols, D. D. Conover, Esq., President of the Board of Councilmen, and Drs. Porter, Foster, Jenkins, Rees, Gardner, Warner, Ramey, the Rev. Dr. Adams and the Rev. Dr. Bangs. The venerable Dr. JOHN W. FRANCIS, President of the Institution, occupied the chair. The exercises were opened by prayer from the Rev. Dr. BANGS.

The President then said, in brief: Great thought, long perseverance, close study and prodigious practical ingenuity have led to the discovery of a new principle, calculated, I believe, to vastly ameliorate the condition of humanity. This fact was communicated to a few enterprising females of this City, and behold, this Institution is the result! This Institution is to be devoted to the removal of evils which are ample for the best and best of God's blessings to man have heretofore hopelessly lingered on a life of suffering until the soothing hand of death removed them beyond the reach of pain to the realms of eternal peace above. And this work, noble as it is, is only one of the thousand benevolent enterprises that female devotion has carried to a successful issue. I might instance those benefactors to humanity Mrs. Fry, Miss Nightingale, or our own Mrs. Bethune, but the fact is too apparent to need such illustration. Within a period of a few years hospitals have been founded for the relief of almost every known form of human affliction; but for the relief of women suffering from this class of diseases there has been no hope, and so far as I am aware this is the first Institution of the kind in the world, certainly the first where the disease can be cured. This principle is entirely novel, and what is more, it is entirely successful. The disease is one that is peculiar to the female constitution, and where it was before incurable may now be successfully removed in the short space of two or three weeks. At present, through the liberality of the founders of this Institution, its funds are ample for the support of the work, but it is eventually to be supported by the public for assistance. This discovery, like all other great discoveries, is simple in the extreme—it has been wrought out by Mr. Sims, a native of North Carolina, who in his intense devotion to the treatment of this disease came near sacrificing his life at the shrine of Science; but thanks be to Providence his life has been spared and his health restored to continue in the good work, and may his humane efforts be crowned with abundant success.

Dr. GREEN said few men of his profession wished to speak after Dr. Francis on any subject; but having been interested in this Institution since its inception, he could not forbear from giving his influence in its support and encouraging its managers to go on in their good work. He believed it would go further to advance American medical science than any other enterprise of the kind, and he would heartily support it to the utmost of his power.

Dr. REESE took great pleasure in corroborating all that his friends Francis and Green had said. He heard with great satisfaction of the success that had attended Dr. Sims' efforts in the South. Since the opening of this Institution he has cured three or four cases of the disease, and he has seen them all cured. He congratulated all present on the success which had attended the Institution and its treatment.

Dr. S. CONANT FOSTER said many years ago he was attached to the great Dublin Hospital, where a ward was opened for this class of patients and immediately filled. They were treated on the old plan, but although relief was afforded to some not one cure took place while he was there. He made these remarks to show the necessity that exists for such an Institution as this in every great city.

Dr. FRANCIS said that cases would flock from all parts of the Union to this Institution for treatment.

The Rev. Dr. KNOX came there to manifest the interest which he felt in every great and benevolent enterprise affecting the welfare of mankind. A single individual has gone out from this house—a wife and mother—to fill up her sphere in her relations of life, and this disease was heretofore regarded as hopeless. An object has been attained that much more than repays the entire cost of the Institution. He regarded the Institution as a reflection of the interposition of Christ's love for suffering humanity. Such practical exemplifications of true Christianity as Hospitals, Orphan Asylums and Magdalen Homes, could only be the outcome of the love of Christ—could only flourish where the Gospel is known.

Dr. DIXON, Editor of *The Herald*, said: So far as my knowledge and practice of 25 years as a surgeon enables me to speak, I am certain from adding my mite of testimony to the importance of the principle which Dr. Sims has discovered and brought into successful operation. I have made nine several attempts to cure this disease, and all have been unsuccessful. I hope all of the poor sufferers are now at rest—four of them I know are—one of them I saw some time since; she was a great sufferer, and it made my heart ache to see her—but all the consolation I could give her was, "Well, my child, a few years, or a few months more, and you will be at rest. I think it due to the humanity of every member of my profession to escape the terrible reaction of a failure—that he should send every patient of this class to Dr. Sims.

I shall do so myself. I consider his discovery the nearest of any to the benevolence of Christ.

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SUICIDE IN A HOUSE OF ILL-FAME.

One of the most distressing suicides which have occurred in New-York for many months was committed in the house of the notorious Cinderella Marshall, No. 54 Leonard-st., on Saturday evening. The victim was Thomas Baily Russum, formerly of San Francisco, California, where he was a prominent man, held the office of Register, and where he left a wife and two children.

Deceased had been in this City about a year, and was said to have lost money by gambling. His manner of living was said to be extravagant. He lived for a while at the Prescott House, but latterly at the Carlton House. About two months since deceased became desperately enamored with a girl living at No. 54 Leonard-st. and wanted her to marry him, but she firmly refused, and his mind, which did not appear to be right before, got quite deranged. On the 21st of April it will be remembered he attempted suicide at Miss Marshall's by taking laudanum, but on being conveyed to his lodging and receiving medical attendance he recovered. His physician then discovered that Russum was partially insane and had him properly cared for. It was thought he had quite recovered, but on Saturday evening it appears that, still deranged and enamored with the girl in question, he went to Miss Marshall's with two loaded pistols in his pocket. He wanted immediately to see the girl alone in the parlor, and wanted her to marry him, declaring that if she refused he would blow his brains out. The girl refused to marry him, and also to see him on this occasion. Miss Marshall seeing that Russum's manner was alarming sent for Capt. Carpenter of the Fifth Ward Police. When the Captain entered the House, Russum was sitting in a parlor on the second story with a pistol in his hand. The Captain in a consoling tone requested Russum to give him the pistol and to accompany him to the Station-House and talk his trouble over. The pistol was accordingly given and Russum followed the Captain down stairs until he got within three or four steps of the floor, when he drew another pistol which the Captain did not know he had and with it blew his brains out. The unfortunate man fell at the bottom of the stairway and instantly expired.

Coroner O'Donnell held an inquest upon the body yesterday and a large amount of testimony was taken, but in substance as given above. Mary Jane Smith, the young woman to whom the deceased was attached, was put on the stand. (She is a handsome girl 25 years of age.) Her testimony went to show that the deceased had paid marked attention to her and offered his hand in marriage on several occasions, which she refused. He told her he had been divorced from his wife. On meeting refusals he manifested anger and said that unless he was married to her he never could be happy. On one occasion he got angry and handled her roughly, hurting one of her fingers. She did not know whether he was insane before he became acquainted with her. The Coroner's Jury rendered a verdict of "Suicide by a pistol-shot while partially deranged."

The deceased was a native of Baltimore about 40 years of age. It was understood that deceased would be buried by some friends in Greenwood Cemetery.

By a dispatch from Philadelphia we learn that Russum formerly kept a tailor's shop in that city, and was appointed by Gen. Taylor Collector of the Port of San Francisco, which office he filled until removed by Gen. Pierce. His wife is a Philadelphian and was deserted by him about a year ago, when he returned to San Francisco with his eldest daughter, leaving three younger children dependent upon their grandmother. It is reported that he left San Francisco worth \$30,000.

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